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Amash congratulates service academy appointees and Congressional Medal of Merit recipients

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. – Rep. Justin Amash (L-Mich.) congratulates the 2020 service academy appointees and student Congressional Medal of Merit recipients from Michigan’s Third District.

“It’s a privilege to recognize the achievements of these outstanding students, and I look forward to seeing how they impact and lead future generations,” said Amash.

Appointees to a service academy must first secure a nomination from an authorized nominating source, which includes members of Congress. To assist with the nominating process, Amash works closely with an assembled committee of military and civic leaders who carefully review applications, interview potential nominees, and make recommendations.

In addition to the five service academy appointees, Amash awarded 26 students with the Congressional Medal of Merit. The Congressional Medal of Merit recognizes high school seniors who have demonstrated exemplary citizenship and academic excellence. Recipients were nominated by their principals or guidance counselors.

Service Academy Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Service Academy</u>
Benjamin Harms	Lakeview High School	United States Air Force Academy
Jacob Shepherd	NorthPointe Christian High School	United States Military Academy
Garrett Siemen	Ionia High School	United States Air Force Academy
Emmett Rosenzweig	Marshall High School	United States Air Force Academy
Sayvion Young	Rockford High School	United States Naval Academy

Congressional Medal of Merit Recipients

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>
Alexis Behnke	St. Philip Catholic Central High School
Kaeleigh Casavant	Cedar Springs High School
Jeffrey Davlin	St. Patrick High School
Autumn Dorsey	Lakeview High School
Hannah Feng	Grand Rapids Christian High School
Kolton Grice	Algoma Christian School

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>
Suchir Gupta	Forest Hills Central High School
Madison Haid	Forest Hills Eastern High School
Kaitlyn Hutchins	Rockford High School
Johnathon Kulich	Comstock Park High School
Jacquelyn Molloseau	Catholic Central High School
Melanie Orozco-Zavala	Union High School
Megan Paasche	Northview High School
Karlie Platz	West Michigan Aviation Academy
Joshua Roelofs	Plymouth Christian High School
William Roosien III	Hastings High School
Ayshia Rubley	Marshall Academy
Benjamin Sorota	East Grand Rapids High School
Kelsi Steele	Homer Community Schools
Benjamin Toaz	Ionia High School
Quyen Thu Tran	East Kentwood High School
Grace Verdun	West Catholic High School
Xeny Lucas Vicente	Innovation Central High School
Faith Watson	Creative Technologies Academy
Samuel Wolowski	NorthPointe Christian High School
Sonnet Yancey	Kenowa Hills High School

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